Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.   Cancelled

2.   (currently amended) A photoprocessing management system according to claim 23 [[1]] wherein said automatically assigned credit on behalf of said customer is updated by said computer for each of a plurality of said image orders.

3.   (currently amended) A photoprocessing management system according to claim 23 [[1]] wherein said means for filling said image orders comprises a printer for printing of images on a roll of photographic film.

4.   (currently amended) A photoprocessing management system according to claim 23 [[1]] further comprising a scanner for scanning of images on said roll of photographic film hard-copy images.

5.   Cancelled

6.   Cancelled

7.   (currently amended) A photoprocessing management system according to claim 23 [[1]] wherein said means for filling said image orders comprises the storage of images in a memory storage device.

8.   (currently amended) A photoprocessing management system according to claim 23 [[1]] wherein said means for automatically assigning credit includes scanning the images on a roll of photographic film.

9.   Cancelled

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10.   Cancelled

11.   (currently amended)   A photoprocessing management system according to claim 23 [[1]] wherein said threshold value is equal to the number of images a roll of on a roll of photographic film of a predetermined value and said credit comprises providing said customer a roll of film upon reaching said threshold value.

12.   Cancelled

13.   Cancelled

14.   (currently amended) A method according to claim 24 12 wherein said predetermined criteria comprises comparing the number of images said image retaining device was designed to capture with the number of unused or unusable printable images on said processed image retaining device.

15.   (currently amended)   A method according to claim 24 [[12]] wherein said credit comprises keeping track as to the number of images that are printable unused or unusable for said customer for said image retaining devices that are sent to said processing lab and forwarding to said customer a token when a predetermined credit criteria is reached.

16.   (previously presented) A method according to claim 15 wherein said predetermined credit criteria comprises reaching a predetermined number of unused or unusable image frames.

17.   (original) A method according to claim 16 wherein said token comprises sending said customer a roll of photographic film.

18.   (currently amended)   A method according to claim 17 wherein said roll of photographic film contains the a same image frames as the number of accrued unused or unusable image frames..

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19.   (original) A method according to claim 16 wherein said token comprises sending said customer a coupon toward the purchase of a product.

20.   Cancelled

21.   Cancelled

22.   Cancelled

23.   (new) A photoprocessing management system for managing photoprocessing services of a service provider for filling image orders with respect to rolls of photographic film submitted by a customer, comprising:

a.   a computer for processing data by the service provider with respect to said customer, said computer maintaining a customer account with respect to image orders submitted by said customer with respect to said rolls of photographic film;

b.   means for filling said image orders for said customer and associating a charge to said customer for filling of said image order with respect to each of said rolls of photographic film submitted by said customer; and

c.   means on said computer for automatically assigning credit to said customer account for unused or unusable images on said rolls of photographic film submitted by said customer wherein a number of accrued unused or unusable images are compared to a threshold value.

24.   (new) A method for processing images on a plurality of image retaining devices submitted by a customer, comprising the steps of:

a.   providing said image retaining devices by said customer, each of said image retaining devices capable of retaining a predetermined number of images;

b.   processing said image retaining devices by a processing lab;

c.   automatically determining the number of unused or unusable images on each of said processed image retaining devices;

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d. maintaining a customer account on a computer database with respect to said plurality of image retaining devices; and

e. automatically crediting said customer account for said unused or unusable images in accordance with a predetermined criteria wherein said predetermined criteria comprises comparing the number of images of said image retaining device that said image retaining device was designed to capture with the number of unused or unusable images on each of said processed image retaining devices.

25. (new) A computer software product for use in filling image orders with respect to images on an image retaining device, the computer software product being stored on a computer readable medium having stored instructions which, when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform the steps of:

a. processing data for a service provider with respect to a customer;

b. keeping said customer orders having an image retaining device capable of retaining a predetermined number of images;

c. automatically determining the number of unused or unusable images on each of said processed image retaining devices; and

d. automatically crediting said customer account for said unused or unusable images in accordance with a predetermined criteria wherein said predetermined criteria comprises comparing the number of images of said image retaining device that said image retaining device was designed to capture with the number of unused or unusable images on each of said processed image retaining devices.

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